



## Virginia Green Profile

# Virginia Welcome Center at Manassas Manassas, Virginia

The Virginia Welcome Center at Manassas provides comprehensive travel information to visitors and residents of Virginia. These include: mapping routes, room reservations and information on attractions throughout the Commonwealth.

### GREEN ACTIVITIES

☒ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Virginia Green facilities must recycle Glass Bottles and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:

- Recycle: office paper and toner cartridges.
- Use reusable dishware and glassware, and minimize use of disposables
- Use disposable containers made from bio-based materials, recycled content, and/ or compostable materials
- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Use high-efficiency hand dryers
- Encourage suppliers to minimize packaging and other waste materials
- Make double-sided copies/ printed materials
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Properly recycle/dispose of thinners and solvents



☒ **Minimization of Disposables.** Participants are encouraged to minimize use of all disposables. This facility pledges that they:

- Use disposable containers that are recyclable

☒ **Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Use water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- Have:
  - Waterless urinals

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- Automatic faucets or toilets in public restrooms
- Discourage water-based cleanup (sweeping first)
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☒ **Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- Have individual thermostats for each room/area
- Use natural lighting
- Use directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas

☒ **Support Virginia Green.** Pledge to promote the efforts of Virginia Green to clients, members and staff and encourage them to join or do business with Virginia Green participants. This facility pledges that they:

- Encourage clients who are in the tourism industry to join Virginia Green.

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For more information on **the Virginia Welcome Center at Manassas**, see [www.virginia.org](http://www.virginia.org) or contact Kathleen Reilly at [kreilly@virginia.org](mailto:kreilly@virginia.org)

For more information on the **Virginia Green** program, see [www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/virginiagreen/homepage.html](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/virginiagreen/homepage.html) or go to [www.virginiagreentravel.org](http://www.virginiagreentravel.org).

**Virginia Green** is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. *Virginia Green* is supported through a partnership between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation. The program has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism; these practices are the minimum requirements for participation in the program, but encourages participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations. **Virginia Green Partners** are committing to help support the program and encourage their customers to join or do business with Virginia Green-certified participants. Although not necessarily tourism facilities themselves, Partners are expected to practice green activities in their own facilities as well. For more information on **Virginia Green**, see [www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/virginiagreen/homepage.html](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/virginiagreen/homepage.html) or go to [www.virginiagreentravel.org](http://www.virginiagreentravel.org).

